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The Special Committee of the Trustees of Princeton Seminary on Next President met in accordance with adjournment on December 9th, 1935 at 2 P.M. in 520 Witherspoon Building.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Hutchison.

The following members were present, Dr. John B. Laird, Chairman, Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Secretary, Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchison and Dr. Robert E. Speer. Excuses for absence were received from Dr. William L. McEwan and Paul C. Martin, Esq.

The Minutes of the last meeting, November 21st, as mailed to the members, were made the official Minutes of said meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Charles R. Erdman suggesting the name of the Rev. Dr. Francis Shunk Downs for the presidency.

Dr. Speer presented a letter from Dr. Brank of Summit, New Jersey, written in response to Dr. Speer's inquiry concerning the Rev. Raymond I. Lindquist of the First Church of Orange.

Dr. Speer and Dr. Laird reported concerning their inquiries with regard to Doctors Cunningham, Lacey and T. Thompson of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

An extended and careful consideration was then given to all who seemed to be possibilities for the presidency, whether alumni of the seminary or not and whether members of the faculty or not. As a result the following letter was ordered addressed over the signature of the Chairman of the Committee to the members of the Board of Trustees.

"Your Committee on Next President has been diligently prosecuting the task committed to its membership. It has reached a point in its endeavor when it seems highly important to obtain the mind of the Board as to further procedure.

After canvassing the whole field of possible choice your Committee begs leave to suggest for your tentative consideration for President of Princeton Seminary, the following named brethren: Rev. John Mackay, D.D., and Rev. Harold McAfee Robinson, D.D.

We are not herewith placing these names in nomination, we are only bringing these brethren to your attention that you may transmit to us in strictest confidence, and if possible by return mail, your personal opinion with reference to each.

Specifically we would ask: (1) Which of the two you would prefer for President? (2) If your choice of one or other of these two brethren should not be the one placed in nomination by your Committee would you yield and support the one recommended by the Committee?

Your Committee greatly desires your friendly and cordial reply to the above inquiries. In responding please understand that your Committee has no assurances that either of these brethren will accept if nominated and elected. You are reminded that both have positions of great responsibility and trust and that only a most hearty call from our Board would secure from either one of them the acceptance of the presidency.

May we emphasize the importance of an immediate reply and furthermore that your reply should be kept confidential as will the total impression of opinion of the Board by your Committee. Please cross your reply to the Secretary of our Committee, Dr. Mudge, at the above address."

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The Committee then adjourned to meet at the call of the  
Chairman.

Lewis S. Mudge,  
Secretary.



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The Special Committee on Next President of Princeton Seminary assembled in accordance with the call of the Chairman on March 30th, 1936 in 514 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

The Chairman, Dr. John B. Laird, presided and prayer was offered by Dr. Mudge.

The following were present: Dr. John B. Laird, Dr. L. S. Mudge, Dr. Stuart N. Hutchison, Dr. Robert E. Speer, Paul C. Martin, Esq. The Chairman presented an excuse from Dr. W. L. McEwan which was sustained.

The minutes of the meeting of Thursday, March 19th, were approved as mailed to the members of the Committee.

In accordance with the order of business set forth in the call for the meeting the Committee considered first the name of President Ralph Hutchison of Washington and Jefferson College. Dr. Laird reported having written as directed by the Committee to Mr. Hallock Sherrard, Mr. T. D. McCloskey and Dr. W. L. McEwan and read their replies to the Committee. Dr. Laird further reported on a contact which he had had with President Ralph Hutchison at a Harrisburg meeting of college presidents.

Mr. Paul C. Martin reported that in accordance with the request of the Chairman of the Committee he had made inquiries of certain Washington and Jefferson alumni and others more or less familiar with President Hutchison's administration and outlined the impressions received.

Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchison continued with a report upon the result of such contacts as he had made with Washington and Jefferson alumni resident in Pittsburgh and its vicinity. He also referred to the very favorable impression made by President Hutchison at an informal gathering of Presbyterian ministers recently held in Chicago.

Dr. Speer reported having written as requested to Mr. John St. Buchanan. No reply had been received to date by Dr. Speer probably on account of the complications of the flood situation in Pittsburgh. He made reference also to his contacts with Dr. L. S. Ruland of Binghamton, N.Y. and recalled to the mind of the Committee that President Ross Stevenson had stated that the following was the order of his preference among those prominently mentioned as his successor: Dr. Mackay, Dr. Cotton, Dr. Ralph Hutchison.

The Secretary of the Committee reported having received from Dr. J. W. Langdale, Book Editor of the Abington Press, the following letter:

"I am treading where archangels would fear to tread. I have great admiration for John Mackay and I am sure that Christian advance in the near future is conditioned by our ability to outthink secularism. I esteem John Mackay to be our chief hope as the leader of thought in American Protestantism in the next twenty-five years. For that reason, I do not want him to spend himself in administrative activity. I do not disesteem such activity but a creative Christian thinker is a rare gift of God.

"These remarks are all preliminary to a surmise that I have that Mr. Mackay is not happy in having burned his face away from Princeton

Seminary. I think if that influential post were offered to him today he would accept."

After some consideration of the contents of this letter contact was made with Dr. Langdale in his office in New York and information was obtained from him as to the grounds upon which he based the opinion expressed in the above letter. After some discussion of what would be the best procedure in view of the information received from Dr. Langdale by letter and by telephone and after Dr. Robert E. Spear had left the meeting at 12:45, it being necessary for him to catch the one o'clock train, the following motion offered by Dr. S. H. Hutchison and seconded by Mr. Paul C. Martin was unanimously carried: After having canvassed the situation with great care for many months we recommend to the Board of Trustees for election as President of the Seminary, the Rev. Dr. John Mackay. Dr. Mudge was directed to call upon Dr. Mackay in person at the earliest possible moment to inform him on behalf of the Committee that his name will be presented to the Board at its May meeting with the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 1:10 P.M. to reassemble upon the call of the Chairman.

*Lewis S. Mudge*

Lewis Seymour Mudge  
Secretary

*H. J. Kerr*  
*J. L. Gooden*  
*Ed. Cotton*  
*W. W. Bible*  
*C. B. Rice*  
*R. B. Vale*  
*Henry P. Brown*  
*Ray Anderson*  
*C. H. Allen*

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May 16th, 1924

Mrs. Elbert L. Carpenter,  
314 Clifton Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Carpenter,

You have been very generous in helping with the work of the Federal Council in past years, and I am writing to ask whether it would be possible for you, and whether you would be willing now, to renew your gift for the work of the Council? That work is more needed now than ever before, and I think it is certain that the churches realize now more clearly than ever the value of the Council, which they have established, as an instrument of cooperation and the increased necessity of their use of it.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

RES:C.

Enc.



J. S. Johnston

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Mr. Speer

San Antonio Tex

May 24<sup>th</sup>. 21

Mr Robert E. Speer.

Dear Sir.

I have followed with ever increasing interest, for at least 20 years, your steadily growing influence, in the unhappily divided Christian Church in America, until you have reached the high position you now occupy, as the President of the Federal Council of the Churches of the U.S.

I am glad to know that you are so eminently qualified for that responsible office, and I do most earnestly pray, that you

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may be able, as a <sup>2</sup> clear headed,  
broad minded, far seeing Key-  
Man to <sup>help</sup> lead the Church into  
that unity of spirit in the bond  
of peace, which will enable it  
to escape from the domination  
of those old clerical workhorses,  
ailies of the distant past, and  
to march forward with unbroken  
front, to the solution of those  
problems, which now confront  
us; and which, if not solved  
right, as Jesus would have it  
done, threatens to destroy the  
glorious heritage <sup>that</sup> left us by our  
godly ancestors.

There are men who seem will-  
ing to sacrifice the whole Church  
of Jesus Christ, for which He  
shed His precious blood, rather  
than abate one jot or tittle  
of sectarian preference.

ion. upon <sup>4</sup> which all Christians  
could work harmoniously together,  
under Concordats, which would  
make satisfactory arrangements for  
racial peculiarities.

This is, or ought to be the prom-  
ising question of the hour <sup>in all the churches</sup> for <sup>now</sup>  
tell the Faith and Orders <sup>con-</sup> <sup>ference</sup>  
venes; at which the Holy Spirit  
will certainly ~~will~~ be present, and  
will preside. if all will, our-  
selves their wills to be guided by  
His.

Could you not, next Fall, pre-  
pare an itinerary that would  
bring you to, and then Texas?  
 Surely a great state like this,  
bigger than all the other Southern  
States <sup>together</sup> S. of the Mississippi river;  
destined to be <sup>come</sup> the Empire state of  
the Union, ought not be over-  
looked. You should make <sup>3</sup>  
appointments. Dallas, <sup>in Tex</sup> Houston, &  
San Antonio. <sup>in Tex</sup> They are about 200  
miles apart. The Southern <sup>orn</sup>



people are in great <sup>need</sup> of education on  
this important subject of Christ-  
ian unity. They are mostly  
Methodists + Baptists; are absorbed  
in the really large things they are  
doing in education, <sup>at home</sup> and <sup>abroad</sup>,  
& care little for world movements.

But they ought to be awakened  
with kindest regard, and pleasant  
memories of meeting & hearing you speak  
several times at Northwood &  
at Anderson meetings -

I am

Yours faithfully

J. C. Johnston  
Retired Bishop of W.D.M.,  
after 33½ years service  
at the front - 52 in  
the sacred ministry.

517 E Myrtle

San Antonio  
Tex.

It seems to me that the situa-  
 tion calls for a declaration from  
 the leading laymen, in all the  
 churches, that <sup>they</sup> will refuse longer  
 to vote supplies for carrying on  
 all <sup>out annual</sup> uncoordinated work on which  
 the Lord's money is now being <sup>so</sup> <sup>much</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>it</sup>  
 expended. All of our sacrifices of  
 precious lives, and countless sums  
 of money, will have been in vain,  
 unless the Christian Church gets  
 together, and so presents God as  
 an universal Father, and Jesus,  
 the Christ, as the common Sav-  
 ior of all men, whom He has re-  
 deemed with His precious blood,  
 so making them all brothers to  
 each other. <sup>that you</sup> Unless this <sup>is</sup> <sup>done</sup>,  
 we <sup>may be</sup> are only at the beginning of our  
 troubles, and Jesus may have to  
 elect some other race to finish His  
 work, which we have failed to do.

The Dornbeth Conference appeal,  
 and the Faith and Order  
 Conference, soon to assemble,  
 propose a generous basis of un-

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June 25, 1921.

The Right Rev. J. S. Johnston, D.D.,  
517 E. Myrtle *Ave*,  
San Antonio, Texas.

My dear Bishop Johnston,

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter of May 24th, and I wish I could act on your suggestion to come to Texas this coming fall or winter for some meetings in the interest of Christian Cooperation and church union. Dr. Peter Ainslie, to whom this Cause is the first of all Causes, invited me to Texas last Spring with himself and the other speakers who were presenting the united movement, but I could not go then, and I am expecting to leave for India and Persia in August, so that I shall not be in the country next fall and winter for any meetings then.

It was a great help to have such encouragement as yours, and I am glad to say that I have had several heartening conferences on this whole subject with Bishop Gaylor, and have often talked it over with Bishop Guerry, and with my dear friend, Mr. Silas McBee, formerly the editor of the *Cambrian*. Bishop Manning is also deeply interested, and very open-hearted, and we are planning a number of conferences here, sometime next year, which I trust may be really fruitful.

With sincere regards,

Very faithfully yours,

res.ms



*E. Humphries*  
**Primitive Methodist**

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PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH  
IN THE UNITED STATES  
REV. E. HUMPHRIES, D.D., EDITOR  
AND PUBLISHER

*W. J. ...*  
72 Mt. Vernon St.  
888 SUMMER STREET

*W. J. ...*  
NEW BEDFORD, MASS., April 11, 1921.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Pres.  
Federal Council of Churches,  
New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The Primitive Methodist Church in the United States has been supporting the African Missions of the British P.M. Church for many years. The time has come when we feel that we can sustain a foreign mission of our own and thereby draw out the missionary spirit and financial support of our people more adequately.

Our chief difficulty is in the selection of a suitable field, some small corner unoccupied by the larger denominations.

Knowing your interest in and wide knowledge of the world field, I am taking the liberty to ask your advise on this point. We shall determine upon some field at our next General Conference in September, and suggestions from you will have great weight and greatly help our decision.

South America, and Central America have been suggested and discussed in our denominational organ. What do you think of these as suitable for us? Our means are limited and we should have to begin on a small scale and grow.

I know what a busy man you are, but I venture to trouble you on a question which lies near your own heart as well as ours.

Thanking you in anticipation for this kindness, I am

Yours sincerely,

*E. Humphries*

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April 26, 1921.

The Rev. E. Humphries, D.D.,  
72 Mt. Vernon St.,  
New Bedford, Mass.

My dear Dr. Humphries,

It is a pleasure to answer your letter of April 11th with regard to a Mission field for the Primitive Methodist Church.

If you think that Latin America would be the best field for the Church I would suggest your corresponding with the Rev. George B. Winton, D.D., who is now acting secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, whose address is 25 Madison Avenue, and also with the Rev. Harry Farmer, Secretary for Latin American of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church has wide responsibilities in Latin America, and it might be very glad to welcome you to relieve it of some of this. Costa Rica would be an admirable field for your Church, and I do not think the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which it has been left for occupancy has been able as yet to establish itself there. The Methodist Church has been allotted large areas in Bolivia and Peru also, where there are sections which might very well be taken up by some affiliated body which would conduct them as independent and yet related mission enterprises.

If you are drawn to Africa I should think it might be well worth your while to correspond with Dr. Carl Kumm of Summit, N.J. representing the Sudan United Mission, which is an affiliation of mission undertakings by different bodies seeking to occupy the Sudan in Africa.

Where a Church has only one field it is important to take one that will appeal to the Church's conscience and faith, and that will not lay too heavy

Dr. Humphries -2-

a burden on its courage. Large Boards which have a number of fields can very well take some of the fruitless and unresponsive areas, but such an area is a pretty heavy tax to lay upon the Church which has only one Mission. Some of the best fields for such a Church would be in India and China, and yet to find an area there that is not touched by anyone else is difficult except in remote places. I should think it might be worth your while to find out whether you could not take a station in China or a district in India in some large area, for which some Church is at present held accountable, but which it is unable adequately to care for. If you would like to take up work on such a basis in China, I would suggest your corresponding with the Rev. E. C. Lobenstine, and if in India, the Rev. Frank Anderson, Secretary of the National India Council. I know that the Committee of Reference and Counsel here in New York, representing all the Foreign Mission Boards in the United States and Canada would be glad to help you in any way, and if you wish to call on them for aid, I would suggest your writing to Mr. Pennell P. Turner, 25 Madison Avenue.

Please let me know if I can be of any further service.

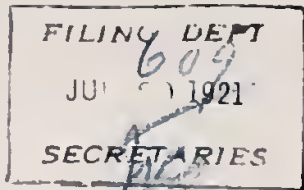
Very cordially yours,

res/ms



Mrs. Cyrus D. Foss

1830 SPRUCE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA



Dr Robert E. Speer.

Dear Dr Speer; -

I enclose my  
check for \$20 for for the good work  
of the Federal Council, and I  
wish I was able to send more.  
The calls are too many for my  
slender income.

I want to thank you sincerely  
for the few lines you penned at  
the bottom of the Commencement  
of Long -

It warmed my heart to have  
you make reference to the work  
and worth of my husband - -  
I knew of his interest in this -  
He spent six years of his pastorate

Service on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Cor 22<sup>nd</sup> St  
when St. Paul's Church stood  
there -

The spot is dear to me, for I  
began there in 1865 -

Again, thanking you for your  
message - I am

Sincerely yours

Amelia R. Foss

(Mrs. Cyrus D. Foss)

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WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER

Office of the Secretary  
Robert H. Gardiner  
174 Water Street, Gardiner, Maine

February 19, 1921.

Dr. Robert Speer  
105 East 22nd Street  
New York City

Dear Speer:

I am greatly obliged for your letter of February 16, for I count greatly on your friendship, and I wish that it were possible for me to be of some active help to you, but my World Conference job seems to absorb every minute of my time, so that my membership on the Executive Committee of the Federal Council is hardly more than nominal. I wish very much that I could increase my contribution, but the World Conference is in desperate financial straits, and I shall have to advance a good deal of money to it, so that I cannot take on anything more at present.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Robert H. Gardiner



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House of Hope Presbyterian Church

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

*Am*  
April 23, 1924

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Robert:-

Replying to yours of the 14th, will say that I shall be happy to serve you and the Federal Council by presenting the claims of the Council to the Assembly if you deem it wise for me to do so.

The Foreign Board's financial statement represents a triumph of faith, prayer and united effort. It is also a clear response by the church to adverse propaganda. The entire church will be in a mood of deep gratitude.

Most cordially yours,



Henry Chapman Swearingen

HCS:MD

E. B. Sanford

Rocky Falls, Conn.

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My dear Dr. Spear:

By heart phone, my greetings and

New Year best wishes have already gone to you.

My pen seeks the privilege of adding a brief message.

The old year - 1923 - will ever stand out in memory as one of precious mercies in my long life pilgrimage.

In confidence, and I trust with only loving thoughts in my heart, I came to you with the story of some "thorn and briar experiences". I little thought those experiences would so soon bring me into a path when the shadows would lift and I discover that the "Thorn" way was to bring me into a disclosure of kindly thought and love that will make the year of octogenarian attainment one of the peculiar blessing. The increase of my pension allowance is a source of home comfort and relief. The honor paid me in connection with

my 80th birthday has given in very full measure one of the choicest earthly gifts: our human heart craves - the assurance of the love and esteem of those with whom we have come into close comradeship in Christian service.

Among the letters I received none more kind and appreciative than those which came from Iris North, Haven and Macfarland. The message they brought to me is that to which my heart responds. Dr. Macfarland has shown an interest in my present need and welfare that I can never forget. To you all I am grateful.

From Dr. Covert - and in other ways - I have learned of the spirit of unity and outlook of hope that prevailed in the meeting of the Exp. Com. at Columbus. In these days when the weakness and folly of intolerance is finding sad expression we have reason to rejoice that in the years of your Presidency the Federal Council

has, in a remarkable way, revealed the unifying power of action and counsel in matters of common responsibility and concern. Not in the conflict of differing temperaments and opinions but in the service of love that forgets self and thinks only of the need of the Kingdom and loyalty to Christ, shall we find the way of life and unity in Spirit and Faith.

It is my prayer that in these burden bearing years the promise may be verified for you "At thy day so shall thy strength be," I am

Faithfully Yours  
E. B. Sanford



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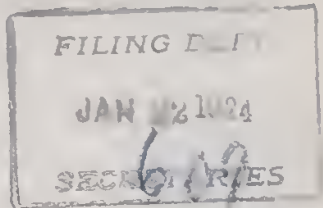
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Faithfully Yours  
E. B. Sanford



January 4, 1924

The Rev. E. B. Sanford, D.D.,  
Rockfall, Conn.

My dear Dr. Sanford:

It was a great pleasure to get your good letter of January 1st with its warm and friendly message. I am so glad that the old year has ended so happily and that the New Year begins with such good cheer, and I hope and pray that the years that remain may grow brighter and brighter until the loving call shall come.

I wish you might have been present at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Columbus. Those who had attended many of the meetings thought that it was the best meeting of the Committee we have ever had. There was a fine spirit and no one could fail to see the reality of the cooperative and common life which was manifested.

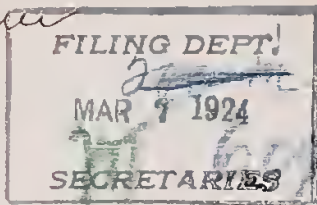
I sent you a little New Year's booklet yesterday but am glad of this opportunity to follow it with this message of gratitude and affection for all that you have done in the past and with best wishes for the New Year.

Very cordially yours,

RES-KC.

Oliver G. Graham  
Mrs. Winton Morris  
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Mr. Speer  
Dr. Robert E. Speer,

Jan. 30/24

Dear Dr. Speer, -

Mrs Morris wishes me to thank you for your New Year's message, "Ring In the New," which she has read with interest and pleasure. It seems to her hopeful, at least, that

so many good men are  
thinking along the peaceful  
Way pointed by our Savior.

Mrs Morris feels sure  
you will be interested to  
hear that Douglas Arbison  
sent "Greetings" by cable  
from Tiflis on Dec. 27 which  
she received two days later.  
Also that a December letter  
from Dr. J. H. Arbison reports  
himself and Mrs Arbison



Chas. S. Macfarland

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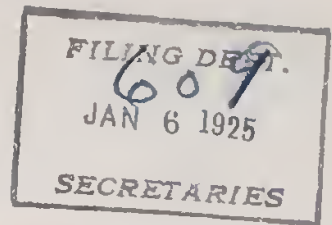
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To Robert E. Spear, with  
deep gratitude for his help,  
his patience & his ever en-  
couraging spirit, always  
a source of strength, I wish  
a Happy New Year, with  
the earnest hope that  
his presence & his counsel  
may continue a source  
of deeply needed helpfulness  
to

Charles S. Macfarland  
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December 30th, 1924

Mr. John B. Kennedy,  
P. P. Collier & Sons Company,  
416 W. 13th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Kennedy,

I am sorry that constant absence from the city has prevented my writing earlier in reply to your letter of November 20th enclosing two suggested moral codes. I submitted your letter with the codes to Mrs. Speer and my son Elliott, who is now chaplain at Lafayette College. Personally I prefer the form of the first code, but Mrs. Speer preferred the second. My son Elliott rather preferred the first, but he thought the second was much better expressed.

I do not like the word "proud" under Honesty in the first code. I think I would prefer the word "honorable"

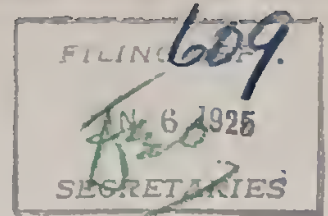
In the second code, Mrs. Speer suggests two additions: "I must study the cause and cure of war, to prevent the possibility of a repetition of its horrors on a greater scale." And, "I must give my spirit a chance to live and grow."

My son noted a criticism of his on the 6th section in the second code. He wrote: "But do not make kindness, forgiveness and helpfulness qualities only of strength."

Very sincerely yours,

RBS:C.

*John B. Kennedy*  
**Collier's**  
**THE NATIONAL WEEKLY**  
P. F. COLLIER & SON COMPANY  
416 WEST THIRTEENTH STREET  
NEW YORK



November 20, 1924.

RECEIVED  
Rev. Robert E. Speer, Pres.,  
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in Amer.,  
New York City.

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Dear Sir:

*Mr. Speer*

We have now reached the stage where the large number of suggestions received by us from all kinds and conditions of men and women in all parts of the country for a Moral Code proposed by Collier's, have been digested and analyzed. The results of this analysis are the two tentative codes herewith submitted.

We ask your consideration of these two codes. You will note that they are similar in content but different in form. One is more or less a code of moral conduct and the other attempts to define conduct in relation to certain specified virtues. It was a question with us as to which might be the better form of presentation, having in mind the children in our homes and schools, and we ask you to help us decide this question. We also ask you to note the absence of any attribute or of any suggestion which you think ought to be made in one or the other of the two codes.

Through all the suggestions we received there was an insistence upon the inclusion of the idea and the word of a supreme being in the code. That is why we have made the forthright introduction to the code the motto on the coin of the Republic "In God We Trust".

It has been no easy task to assort the different suggestions made for the different virtues. Some suggestions have come to us in the form of treatises on moral theology; others have been a series of pragmatic apotnegms familiar to the students of all philosophies, sacred or profane. Our simple aim has been to produce a code readily understandable by the child and in no way offending the religious or anti-religious susceptibilities of any reasonable adult. In brief, we have sought for the simplest possible code for the widest possible service.

We have striven in both codes to maintain pedagogical practicability, to avoid all abstractions, and to produce a human document of common-sense conduct that recognizes the matter rather than the form of spiritual values.

Very sincerely yours,

*John B. Kennedy*  
John B. Kennedy  
Associate Editor

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Suggested Moral Code No. 1.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Believing in the inspiring watchword of my country I will strive to do my part in making a greater and happier America. To do this I must have these things:

Courage

I must have courage to fight evil and to uphold the good.

Self-control

I must be master of myself if I would not be slave to others.

Honesty

I must be too proud to take that which is not mine.

Reverence

I cannot fail to be reverent when I look about me at the wonders of the world in which I live and remember the God who made it.

Loyalty

I must be true to those who trust in me, to those with whom I work and play, and to my country.

Chastity

I must keep my mind and my body clean.

Humaneness

I must never purposely hurt any person or any of the dumb animals that serve me. I must never take advantage of the helplessness of others.

Unselfishness

I must think of others before I think of myself, for the greatest happiness comes from serving others.

Obedience

I must learn to obey, for only those who have learned to obey are fit to command.

Truthfulness

I must be truthful in my words and in my actions. I must know what is true in order to do what is right. A lie is a confession of fear.

Helpfulness

I must help others, for I know that I have often to ask help for myself.

Healthfulness

I must keep my body well and strong, for a healthy body will greatly aid me to be Courageous, Self-controlled, Honest, Reverent, Loyal, Chaste, Humane, Unselfish, Obedient, Truthful and Helpful.



IN GOD WE TRUST

If I want to be a happy, useful citizen I must do these nine things.

- (1) I must have courage.

This means I must be brave and strong enough to control what I think, and what I say and what I do.

- (2) I must choose between good and bad.

In school, at home, playing, working, reading or talking, I must always be learning how to know good when I see it.

- (3) I must make my character strong.

My character is what I really am, if not in the eyes of others, then in the eyes of my own conscience. Good thoughts in my mind will keep out bad thoughts. If I keep busy doing good things I will have no time to do bad things. I can build my character by training myself in good habits.

- (4) I must make my mind strong.

The more things I know and the more things I understand, the happier and more useful I will be. I must train the muscles of my mind in school, at home, everywhere.

- (5) I must make my body strong.

My eyes, my teeth, my feet, my ears, my heart, my whole body must be healthful so that my mind can work right. I must keep clean.

*6. I must give my spirit a*

- (6) I must use my strength to help others who need help.

If I am strong I can help others, I can be kind, I can forgive those who hurt me and I can help and protect the weak, the suffering, the young and the old, and dumb animals.

*But do not make kindness, forgiveness and helpfulness dependent on strength.*

- (7) I must be truthful and honest.

I must know what is true in order to do what is right. I must without fear tell the truth to anyone. I must be honest in all my dealings with others and all my thoughts must be honest. I must avoid deceit, trickery, cheating, lying, never taking or accepting property, credit or honor that belongs to another. Unless I am honest I cannot have self-respect.

- (8) I must love.

I must love God who created this world and us; I must love my parents, my home, my neighbors, my country and be loyal to my home and country.

- (9) I must know that there are always more things to learn.

What I may know is small compared to what others may know. I must always be ready to learn new things from others, from my parents and teachers. I must have respect for those who know more than I do and reverence for those who have more good in them than I have. And I must know how to obey or I shall never be able to command.

To do these things I must trust in God to help me to be brave, strong, healthful, honest, truthful, kind, merciful, just and good, and to give credit to my fellows for motives as sincere as my own. And I must be accountable to God how I live and how I trust and help my fellows, and for the extent to which my fellows may trust and depend upon me.

D.H. Hoover

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Thinking about war

"I must study the  
cause & cure of  
war to prevent  
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*Princeton Theological Seminary*  
November 4, 1931

Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer,  
48 Mercer Street,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Zwemer:

I will register your order for sixty copies of the Annual Report, and I am sure the Board will be very glad to supply them. They are not issued, of course, until the time of General Assembly, but you would not want them until fall in any case.

The Hartford Conference seemed to me to have some large values. Of course, the whole proposal to abandon Baptism and to make the missionary enterprise a mere permeating influence without expecting it to grip individuals and change them both in their character and in their external relations is another step in the wrong direction. There is enough of that on the field now so that we can know that it is not the way of power. I did not take it very seriously at Hartford because it seemed to me so very familiar and a mere rewording of what we had been opposing at so many points. Dr. Fleming tells me that I missed the most impressive session of the Conference by coming away before the evening. Dr. Mott rather confirmed this idea. I suppose you stayed and had the benefit of it.

The celebration for Dr. Speer was really very beautiful. Mrs. Speer assured me afterwards that there was nothing in it to offend the most modest and humble spirit. I think Dr. Speer himself enjoyed it all even though he had to disclaim some expressions. I told him that we were having this celebration not for his sake but for our own self-respect. We could not allow forty years of such guidance and blessing to go unrecognized without a loss of decency on our own part.

Heartily,

Cleland B. McAfee



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Professor Andrew W. Blackwood,  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Dr. Blackwood:

I enclose herewith in this letter, registered, eight sermons, which I should be glad if you would look over. If you find one among them which you would care to use in the proposed volume I should be glad to revise it for you.

Will you kindly send all of these sermons back, registered post, at your convenience, as I am intending to use some of them otherwise?

With kind regard,

Very cordially yours,

RES:B

List of sermons sent in Mr. Blackwood's letter

The Simplicity and the Complexity of Life  
"I Need Thee."

Christ our Lord and Master

American Ideals - A Heritage from the Pilgrims

Christ the Sufficient Saviour

Christ the Revelation of the Father

Christ our Example

Sermon delivered in Church of the Covenant, Cincinnati, Ohio



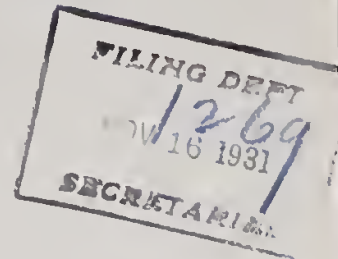
Andrew W. Blackwood

R. E. Speer

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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November 10, 1931



Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Dear Doctor Speer:

I can not tell you how much I appreciate your letting me read the eight sermons and select one of them for the projected volume. I could use almost any one of them, and I have had some difficulty in deciding among the first few that I have placed on top in the package which I am herewith returning to your office, but the longer I consider the matter the more do I feel drawn to the sermon about the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

It is good in you to be willing to revise this manuscript, which is already in better condition than some that I have received. In order to make the various sermons uniform I should suggest a text and a popular topic. You know more about these matters of public address than I do. I presume that the text would be Acts 1: 8, since the occasion is Pentecost, and I know that you will sum up the whole sermon in a memorable phrase.

The first thing which attracted me to this sermon was the fact that in preaching at Pentecost you stressed the fact of the Resurrection. I need not explain my line of thought but I feel that such an approach is an admirable object lesson for young ministers to-day. The sermon throughout - I refer both to the message and to the structure - will prove to be a means of blessing to our men. I can understand your desire to revise it in detail and I shall be interested to note what changes you deem wise. I have none to suggest, naturally.

All of us are delighted to learn that you are to deliver the Stone Lectures in 1932 - 33.

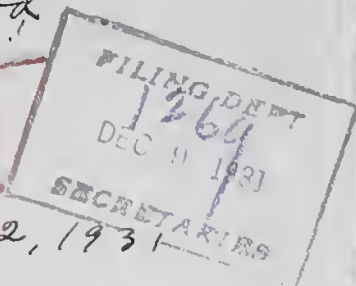
I am, Yours most gratefully,

Andrew W. Blackwood

Andrew W Blackwood

60 STOCKTON STREET  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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December 2, 1931

The Joyful Annals

in Review.

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Dear Doctor Speer:

I thank you for revising your sermon and for sending it to me. I wish to find fault with one part - the postscript, for as a teacher of prospective preachers and as a humble believer I am assured that this is a strong, timely sermon. It has much of the power concerning which it talks. If you could have heard us trying to get homiletical principles out of some of the sermons which we have recently studied you would understand my reasons for gratitude because of this message from God.

Any one of the topics which you suggest would serve admirably. However, I make bold to offer still another suggestion. The logical way to arrange the

sermons is alphabetically, but since three or four have to do with the Church I wish to group them together at the beginning of the volume. Without doing violence or injustice to your sermon I believe that the topic might well include the Church, or better still, the Christian Church.

It is difficult for any man to name another man's sermon and it would be presumption in me to name one of your sermons but I can illustrate my thought by this phrase - Power for the Christian Church. In such a form it is scarcely accurate but the idea is there, suggestively. In this matter I wish to do what appeals to you and if the inclusion of the Church in the topic seems inadvisable naturally I have no zeal about it. I do covet this sermon for the early part of the books.

I am, Yours gratefully,  
Andrew W. Blackwood



Paul Martin

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8 Evelyn Place,  
Princeton, N.J.  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York,

Dear Robert,

It is a pleasure to fulfill as best I can the request of your recent letter.

The title page of the book in question reads:  
The Philosophical Basis of Biology

Donnellian Lectures, University of Dublin

by John S. Haldane, C.H. F.R.S.

M.D. Hon. LL.D (Edinburgh and Birmingham)

Hon. D. Sc. (Leeds and Witwatersand)

Fellow of New College, Oxford and Honorary Professor,  
University of Birmingham.

Hodder and Stoughton, London

First Published 1931

169 pages.

I went through the book carefully with the results indicated on your letter, which I am enclosing herewith.

Lecky's History of European Morals is a closely printed two volume work with a poor index. The Index does not mention Jesus nor give indication where such a passage might be found, nor is the Table of Contents much more suggestive. I ran through all the sections of the book that would be at all likely to contain the passage you quote but do not find it. I wonder if it is not in some other of his books.

There seems to be no Biography of Pythagoras, ancient or modern. The Encyc. Brit. and the New International Encyc. both indicate that very little is known about him. His name is only mentioned three times in the Aristotelian Corpus. Plato and Aristotle speak often of Pythagoreans but never of Pythagoras. He seems to be the starting point of a school rather than a well defined figure in Philosophy. He left no writings. There is a considerable body of modern literature on Pythagoreanism.

Apollonius of Tyana born about 4 B.C., left no writings. Flavius Philostratus, the rhetorician and sophist of Lemnos, wrote a Life of Apollonius about 216 A.D.. An English translation is "Life and Times of Apollonius of Tyana", by Charles P. Fells, Published by Stanford University, 1923. 246 large and closely printed pages. "Apollonius of Tyana, A study of his Life and Times" by F.W.G. Cambell, New York, Mitchell Kennerly, 1908, 120 small, large print pages, gives the supposed facts of his life. These include his saintliness, his learning, his miracles, wide travels in the far East. Philostratus claims as his sources the writings of Damis who kept an account of Apollonius travels etc Boswell like, and of Maximus of Aegae, where A. spent his boyhood. These sources are not extant and there is wide doubt whether they ever existed.

Please call on me for any service I can render.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul Martin



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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

November 14, 1932

Rev. Paul Martin,  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Paul:

If you are in the Seminary Library some day and have a half hour free could you check up several points for me, or if you could not do so is there some student who would be willing to do it? I have in mind the following:

Who is the author of the book -"The Philosophical Basis of Biology? And on what page in that book does the following paragraph occur?

"We see evidence of Jesus' Deity even more in His thought of God. Compare with Christ's thought of God the best that man can do today. Here is the modern biological view: The conception of God to which the analysis of our experience has led is not that of a perfect being existing apart from ignorance, sin and suffering of our own world, but present within us and around us, sharing in our struggle. --- Our evidence for the existence of God is derived from the recognition in ourselves of the striving after truth, beauty and goodness, and it is only in presence of what appears to us as error, sin and ugliness that this divine striving manifests itself. There is no other evidence of any real value, but this evidence is sufficient that throughout all the appearances of chaos our universe is the progressive manifestation of God. ¶ This conclusion or faith is the faith of religion."

*this does not appear in the book*

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On what page in Lecky's European Morals does the famous passage occur with regard to the influence of Jesus which ends with the words - "It may be truly said that the simple record of three short years of active life has done more to regenerate and soften mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers and all the exhortations of moralists. This has indeed been the well-spring of all that is best and purest in Christian life."

Who wrote the biographies of Pythagoras and Apollonius of Tyana, and when were these biographies written?

Very cordially yours,

*Robert E. Speer*

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The Committee on Relations of the Seminary and the University reported that it had held a very satisfactory conference with the Committee of the Trustees of the University, consisting of President Hibben, Mr. Pyne and Dean West, and that it had been the general feeling of this conference that reciprocal arrangement for purely academic purposes between the University and the Seminary was practicable and desirable. The matter was left accordingly to be considered in further conference between the University faculty and the faculty of the Seminary. The Committees of the two faculties later considered the whole matter and the following resolutions were adopted by the University Faculty on November 20th, 1916, and by the Seminary Faculty on November 22nd, 1916:

1. In our judgment it is practicable and mutually advantageous that duly qualified students of either institution be admitted without charge for tuition to the privileges of the other.
2. It is moreover definitely understood that in entering into such a reciprocal arrangement each institution expressly reserves all its rights, and especially the right to determine and administer its own course of study and its terms of admission and graduation.
3. It is further understood that under such an arrangement students of Princeton Theological Seminary who are enrolled in the Graduate School of Princeton University and maintain an average standing of not lower than second group in the regular course of Princeton Theological Seminary may proceed to the Master's degree if they satisfy the requirements of the University for the degree.
4. It is further understood that this arrangement is alterable or terminable by either institution on one year's notice."

These recommendations were approved and authorized by the Trustees of the University at their meeting on January 11th.

The Committee reported that its Chairman had conferred with President Hibben with regard to the statement in the catalogue of the University which seemed to limit the operation of the reciprocal arrangement to the Graduate School of the University and that President Hibben had given assurance that it was understood that the arrangement offered the advantages of reciprocity to the Seminary students that both in the Graduate School and in the undergraduate courses and it opened the

Seminary course to both graduate and undergraduate students of the University, and that the statements of the University Catalogue would be brought into accord with this understanding.

The Committee recommended the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that the Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary hereby approve and authorize the reciprocal arrangement recommended by the University Faculty on November 20th and the Seminary Faculty on November 22nd, and adopted by the Trustees of Princeton University on January 11th, 1917, in regarding to the admission of students ~~xx~~ <sup>of</sup> Princeton Theological Seminary to courses in the University and the admission of students of the University to courses in Princeton Theological Seminary.

RESOLVED that the President of the Seminary be requested to express to the University the cordial appreciation of the Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary of this generous and satisfactory arrangement.



Mr Elbud L. Carpenter

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June 5, 1924.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Office of the President,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:

In reply to your letter of May 16th, let me assure you that I shall take pleasure in continuing my very modest support to the Federal Council. I believe my small annual subscription has been usually sent in in July and I will not neglect it this year.

I am glad to have this opportunity of saying how much we like the representative of the Federal Council in Minneapolis, Dr. Blythe. Our community is young and enthusiastic and socially almost over-organized, so that meetings become an actual burden and weariness, but Dr. Blythe's sincerity and simplicity and good judgment have earned him friends and enabled him to form some excellent committees and secure more cooperation than would have been at all likely were it not for his fine personality.

Probably I should close my letter here and yet I cannot forebear adding how much I regret that you did not see your way clear to becoming a candidate for the moderatorship of our last General Assembly. Very many of the quiet people in the Church, who bear a good deal of its burden financially and who are not indifferent to its higher interests, must have felt as Mr. Carpenter and I did, that you were the one leader who might have saved the situation. Naturally, we felt that the Church would have honored itself in honoring you and that the nomination would have been in every sense suitable, but beyond that we felt that in a sense you represented the educated youth of the country, for whom you have done so much. If the Presbyterian Church loses their allegiance, it loses its future. I have a rather earnest-minded young son at Yale, a member of this year's class and of the Varsity Crew. I think perhaps he reflected the feeling of the comparatively small number of boys who are really interested. He was deeply disappointed that you



would not permit your name to be used and he was even more bitterly disappointed over Mr. Bryan's prominence in the whole affair. Boys who really think at all feel that Mr. Bryan's attitude towards scientific truth is a constant challenge to much of the best that they learn in their student years, and when the Church honors him it comes pretty near to outraging the feeling of many of its best college youth.

I can conceive that you must have had very many excellent reasons of expediency for declining to consider the moderatorship; I can almost marshal them for you myself. Nevertheless, I do feel it was a great pity, and I am sure you will pardon me for so frankly saying that Mr. Carpenter and I consider that both the Church and you lost a wonderful opportunity.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Elbert L. Carpenter)

Thy Will <sup>J. Snyder</sup> <sup>my</sup>  
St. Paul, Aug 21

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Dear "Robert" -

<sup>Mr. Steep</sup>  
Your letter Feb 15/23  
duly rec'd - In it you state that I  
sent a contribution F. C. of C. about that  
time in 1921 - I sent 10<sup>00</sup> in Aug 22 -  
I enclose 6<sup>00</sup> for Aug '23 - I have been  
"retired" by Goodyear Rubber Co. after  
57 1/4 yrs of service - They give me a  
monthly allowance, but my income is  
reduced over half - God bless you  
and make you a blessing! I have  
your picture in my "quiet room" at  
my home - Am now 80 2/3 yrs old -  
Surely God has been good to me - Am  
perfectly well, except - deafness, and

That is not entire -

Yours Truly  
*James*  
Hoydum

You are the only man on earth  
now that calls me "James" - The  
Pastor of L R Co for 48 yrs did so  
but he passed away June 30-1913 -

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May 29, 1923

The Rev. E. B. Sanford, D.D.,  
Rockfall, Conn.

My dear Dr. Sanford:

I am thankful to be counted among the friends who are privileged to send you their word of gratitude and affection on the occasion of your eightieth birthday. If I am ever to reach that glorious eminence, I trust that it may be with as cheerrul and loving a spirit and as clear and hopeful an outlook on human life as God has given you. It is a rich past over which you can look back, full of unique service rendered in faith and love and in the power of the salvation of hope.

You and those who worked with you were guided more wisely than you can have known, and as I look back, I marvel at the way in which the spirit of God brought you all together just at the one time when such action as you took was possible. A few years later it is doubtful if it could have been accomplished. Nothing seems clearer to me than that there are great Divine forces working in and with the purpose which was revealed to you. If only men can refrain from folly, the wisdom and strength of God will bear us on.

And in all this we owe to you an immeasurable debt.

It has been good these last months to see you and often to hear from you, and with the loving prayer that the evening time of the years may be flooded with light and peace for you, I am

Your sincere friend,

RES-XC.



E. B. Sanford

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JUN 1923 Dear Dr. Spear:

Among the kind birthday greetings  
Mr. Spear, <sup>me to</sup> now coming to cheer days that look towards

life's sun set hour, none can be more gratefully appreciated than your affectionate message. You have long been in my thought a part of an elect company to whom has been granted the high honor of leadership in advancing the cause of Christian Unity throughout the world. In the historic record of the organization of the Federal Council <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ no higher honor than having had a good deal to do in bringing together the noble group of men who in the great conference of 1905 organized the Federal Council and made possible the activities that with <sup>the</sup> blessing of God have been so wonderfully helpful and fruitful. - Very precious are the friendships that have grown out of this fellowship. Faithfully and Affectionately Yours  
E. B. Sanford.

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January 22, 1923

Rev. W. B. Sanford, D.D.,  
3 Lynn St.,  
East Hartford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Sanford:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 16th. No doubt this issue is a real one. Our only hope of working it out here in the United States is to stand immovably on the principle of religious liberty. I am sending your letter over to Dr. MacFarland and Mr. Cavert, as you requested.

I hear only good echoes as yet from the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council in Indianapolis. Every one seems to have felt that it was a very good meeting and that it indicated real and solid progress in the work.

Very cordially yours,

RES-KC.

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C O P Y :

May 2nd, 1923

Professor <sup>W.</sup>A. R. Millikan,  
Norman Bridge Laboratory,  
Pasadena, California.

My dear Professor Millikan:

I was away from New York all of last week and did not get your letter, written in Washington, until Monday. I am sorry that I was not here where I could have replied immediately and where I might have been of some service also in communicating with Dr. Mott. Dr. Mott is sailing for Europe this coming Saturday, but I am asking him to try to communicate with you before he leaves.

As to myself, I am so thoroughly in sympathy with your fine spirit and the purpose which you have in view, that I regret more than I can express that I have difficulties in signing the statement. Dr. Knubel has sent me a copy of his letter to you and Dr. Stevenson has told me of his difficulties, of which I advised him to write to you, and my own view is largely in accord with theirs. I can readily understand how the statement should have taken the form it has in view of the fact that your first idea was to have it issued solely by a group of scientists. The enlargement of the plan to include a number of religious leaders raises inevitably, as Dr. Knubel has suggested, the necessity of considering having the language of the statement from their point of view as well as from the point of view of the scientists. I recognize that it would be very difficult and perhaps take more time than you feel should be allowed to secure the modification that would meet the difficulties of men like Dr. Knubel, Dr. Stevenson and myself. Perhaps it will be best for you to go forward at once with the names you had at the time you wrote, or may subsequently have sent you their approval.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

RES:C.

R. A. Millikan

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Mr. Speer

~~Mr.~~  
Mrs

April 27, 1923

Dear Dr. Speer.

You will be interested in knowing that every one of the scientists on the list has signed the statement sent you on the 16<sup>th</sup>, that Bishop Manning telegraphed "warmly approve. will sign" as did Dr. Vance, Dr. Brown, Dr. Ainslee & Dr. King, that no one has as yet refused though a number are unheard from, including yourself or, most & Pres. Stevenson while Pres. Knobel & Pres. Mullins wrote, making certain friendly inquiries and asking if certain minor changes might be made. I have just replied to them tonight.

Henry Fairfield

I saw Dr. Osborn today & he said that he felt certain that both you and Mr. Mott would sign. In both feel that your names will be more influential than any others on the list in quieting a storm which is doing untold damage to the churches. It seems to us a rare opportunity to do a very great service to the cause of organized religion.

You will notice that the scientists all gladly



recognition of access to the world

- 1) That there is no conflict between science and religion
- 2) That religion is even more important to the world than science
- 3) That they are not materialists but recognize God while religious leaders are asked to tell those who look to them for guidance <sup>only</sup> what
- 4) The method of science is not incompatible with the highest ideals of religion.

This is essentially the content of the statement.

I have been exceedingly gratified with the largeness of vision and the quickness of response of the scientists.

There is much pressure here to get out the statement soon. I must go next Thursday evening. I hope I may hear from you and Mr. Roth. Here they, for 7 years we comes with expert baggage and fine influence than any others on the list.

I am not willing to commit but am willing if you cannot call me up and reply - you both by one if possible.

Sincerely yours  
W. H. Miller

R. R. Millikan

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NEW YORK, April 14, 1923.

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TO

Dr. Robert Spear, President,  
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America,  
105 East 22nd Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Spear:

As a result of some discussion and correspondence which has been participated in, on the one side, by Dr. Charles D. Walcott, President of the National Academy of Sciences, Henry Fairfield Osborne of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, Dr. John C. Merriam, President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and the undersigned, and on the other, the Reverend Robert E. Brown of Waterbury, Connecticut, Bishop Johnson of the Episcopal Church of Southern California, President Henry C. King of Oberlin College and Seminary, and the Reverend Dr. Merle Smith of the Methodist Church of Pasadena, California, it has been thought that it might serve a useful purpose at the present time if a joint statement upon the relations of science and religion might be formulated, signed by a dozen influential men belonging to each of the three groups to be presently mentioned, and given wide publicity in the American press.

As a result of conferences and suggestions from all of the sources above mentioned, the enclosed statement has been formulated and all save one of the men listed in the scientific group have already expressed not merely their willingness but their eagerness to sign it, as have also such of the religious

leaders as have been thus far approached. The statement is now being sent to the whole of the group of religious leaders and to a group of about the same size of men prominent in American life but not connected officially either with scientific work or with ecclesiastical positions.

Would you be willing to examine carefully the statement and to send a reply by letter or by wire at your earliest convenience to the undersigned?

Suggestions as to phrasing and also as to additions to the personnel of the groups would be welcome, though it is obvious that a joint statement cannot have the exact phrasing which each one of the signers would have himself chosen, and that, therefore, the whole enterprise becomes impossible if all the signers are too assertive of their individual preferences in matters not altogether essential. On the other hand, it is expected that no signatures will be given to any statement which does not represent the sincere convictions of all those whose names finally appear.

It is hoped that this statement will be in shape to be given out with about the list of signatures contained herewith within ten days. Your early attention to this matter is, therefore, kindly solicited. It is of course understood that the names of any who prefer not to sign the enclosed statement will be treated as confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. R. Millikan*

*for 10 days at 1701 Mass Ave  
Washington*

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Jan 7, 1923

A JOINT STATEMENT UPON THE RELATIONS OF  
SCIENCE AND RELIGION

By a group of Scientists, Religious Leaders  
and Men of Affairs.

We, the undersigned, deeply regret the recent controversy which appears to present science and religion as irreconcilable and antagonistic domains of thought, for in fact they meet distinct human needs, and in the rounding out of human life they supplement rather than displace or oppose one another.

The purpose of science is to develop, without prejudice or preconception of any kind, a knowledge of the facts, the laws, and the processes of nature. The even more important task of religion, on the other hand, is to develop the consciences, the ideals, and the aspirations of mankind. Each of these two activities represents a deep and vital function of the soul of man, and both are necessary for the life, the progress, and the happiness of the human race.

It is a sublime conception of God which is furnished by science, and one wholly consonant with the highest ideals of religion, when it represents Him as revealing Himself through countless ages in the development of the earth as an abode for man and in the age-long inbreathing of life into its constituent matter, culminating in man with his spiritual nature and all his God-like powers.



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Frank O. Lowden, ex-Governor of Illinois, Oregon, Illinois.

John Sharpe Williams, ex-United States Senator, Yazoo City, Miss.

David Franklin Houston, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, 195 Broadway,  
New York City.

Oscar W. Underwood, ex-United States Senator, Birmingham, Ala.

John J. Pershing, General, United States Army, Commander of A.E.F.  
in World War, Washington.

William S. Sims, Rear Admiral Retired, United States Navy.  
Commander-in-Chief of United States Naval Forces in England  
during World War, Newport, Rhode Island.

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SCIENTISTS.

Charles D. Walcott, Geologist, President of the National Academy of Sciences, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Head of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington.

Henry Fairfield Osborn, Paleontologist, President of the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Edwin Grant Conklin, Zoologist, Head of the Department of Zoology, Princeton University.

James Rowland Angell, Psychologist, President of Yale University.

John Merle Coulter, Botanist, Head of the Department of Botany, University of Chicago.

Michael I. Pupin, Electrical Engineer, Head of the Department of Electromechanics, Columbia University.

William James Mayo, Surgeon, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, Rochester, Minnesota.

Eliakim Hastings Moore, Mathematician, Head of the Department of Mathematics, University of Chicago.

Arthur A. Noyes, Chemist, Director of the Gates Laboratory of Chemistry, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.

William Wallace Campbell, Astronomer, Director of Lick Observatory and President-Elect of the University of California.

John J. Carty, Engineer, Vice President in Charge of Research, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York.

Robert A. Millikan, Physicist, Director of Norman Bridge Laboratory of Physics, Pasadena, California.

William Henry Welsh, Pathologist, Director of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

John C. Merriam, Paleontologist, President of The Carnegie Institution of Washington.

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John R. Mott, General Secretary, World Student Christian Federation, New York.

Robert E. Spear, President, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, New York.

Bishop Francis John McConnell, Methodist, Northern M.E. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bishop Edwin DuBose Mouzon, Methodist, Southern M.E. Church, Dallas, Texas.

Bishop William Thomas Manning, Episcopalian, Bishop's House, Cathedral Heights, New York.

President J. Ross Stevenson, Presbyterian, President of Princeton Theological Seminary.

President Edgar Young Mullins, Baptist, President Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

President Henry Churchill King, Congregationalist, President of Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Dr. James I. Vance, Presbyterian, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop W. F. McDowell, Episcopalian, Washington, D. C.

Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, Catholic, Archbishop of San Francisco, Calif.

President Frederick Hermann Knubel, Lutheran, President United Lutheran Church in America, New York City.

Dr. Robert F. Brown, Congregationalist, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, Waterbury, Conn.

Dr. George W. Truett, Baptist, Pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Peter Ainslie, Disciple, Pastor Christian Temple, Baltimore, Md.

The foregoing list of religious leaders has been prepared for the present purpose in co-operation with Dr. Robert E. Spear, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.



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THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN AMERICA  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
437 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 18th, 1923.

*TMS*

Dr. R. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer :-

In accordance with your request, I am sending herewith a copy of my answer to Prof. Millikan. I am just about to leave the city for a day or two and was, therefore, compelled to write my letter somewhat in haste. I should be glad to hear any further suggestions which you are making to Prof. Millikan.

With friendly greeting, I am

Faithfully,

*F. H. Knubel.*

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*F. H. Knubel*

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THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN AMERICA  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
437 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 25th, 1923.

*ms*

Dr. R. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer :-

A further letter arrived from Professor Millikan in answer to my communication. He seems desirous of making no changes in the statement as prepared. He does suggest, however, the possible omission entirely of the third paragraph. I have answered him that the third paragraph as it stands can scarcely have my approval but that the statement as a whole will lack something of great value thru the entire omission of the idea contained in the third paragraph. I re-emphasized to him what seems to me a lack, nevertheless, in the third paragraph as it stands.

His letter furthermore seems to press for haste in getting the statement out. My answer urged that the entire matter is one of too great importance to have it unduly hurried. My plea to him was to wait at least for a little further consideration.

I should be glad to know the conclusions you reach after further consultation with those you have taken into conference.

With friendly greeting, I am

Faithfully,

*F. H. Knubel*

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April 18th, 1923.

Prof. R. A. Millikan,  
1701 Massachusetts Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Millikan :-

Your letter of the 14th with its enclosures has been received and carefully studied. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that I am in heartiest sympathy with the purpose which aims to issue a joint statement upon the relations of science and religion. If such a statement can be agreed upon, it will not merely exert a quiet influence upon hurtful and misdirected controversy but will more positively exert a stimulating influence for well guided thought.

The first paragraph of the statement receives my full consent. As being merely a verbal correction I suggest that the closing words "one another" be changed to "each other."

The second paragraph I could also bring myself to approve even though it presents some difficulties to my convictions. I am not attempting any changes in the wording thereof.

It is the third paragraph which causes me real difficulty. As it stands I believe it is not in harmony with the structure of the entire statement. Throughout the statement there is a measured and well-balanced correlation of science and religion. In the third paragraph this correlation ceases entirely. It is a statement concerning science only, giving assent to a view of Revelation as presented by science. If the statement throughout is to be harmonious and complete, this third paragraph ought to include a parallel which presents the sublime conception of God presented by the idea of Revelation which religion offers. In a constructive effort, therefore, to accomplish this end, I suggest that the phrase "and one wholly consonant with the highest ideals of religion" be omitted and that instead thereof there be added at the end of the paragraph a sentence somewhat as follows: "It is likewise a sublime conception of God which is furnished by religion when it represents Him as revealing Himself directly to the believing and obeying mind of man."

Perhaps this suggestion of mine is altogether unacceptable. However, as stated above, it seems to me to be necessary for

Prof. P. A. Millikan

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April 18th, 1923

the objective harmony of the statement. Of course, I have noted throughout, even in the title of the statement, that science precedes religion. However, I do not feel disposed to raise any objection on this score. I should be glad to hear further concerning the development of the exalted purpose to which you have given such great care.

With sincere greeting, I am

Faithfully,

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Mr. Speer

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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NEW YORK

May 7th, 1923.

Dr. R. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer :-

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th enclosing copies of correspondence with Profeseor Millikan. I am happy indeed that you took the etand which you did. The aim Professor Millikan has in mind is a very worthy one. If oppportunity had been given for longer consideration of the subject there might have been hope for the publication of a statement which would at leaset have calmed some unnecessarily diurbed minds. It is good to note a epirit on the part of some of the scientiete as manifested by Professor Millikan and his friends. I am personally inclined to believe that we shall hear further upon the matter; if not now, then at some later day.

With friendly greeting, I am

Faithfully,

*F. H. Knubel.*

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May 4, 1923

The Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D.,  
437 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Knubel:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Prof. Millikan which I found on returning to New York on Monday after nearly a week's absence and I send with it also a copy of my letter to him. I wish it were possible to take time enough to get a statement which would be satisfactory to the Scientists and to us who feel as conscientious and who ought to be as careful on our part as the representatives of religion as the Scientists are as the representatives of science. Prof. Millikan appears to feel, however, that it is desirable to get the statement out as soon as possible, and indeed it might prove to be the case that even with some delay, we could not find a form of deliverance that would be mutually satisfactory.

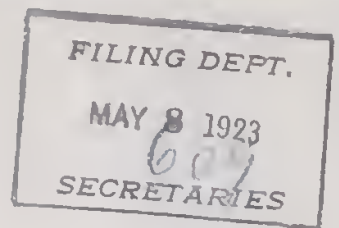
Indeed the statement which Prof. Millikan has prepared does not go beyond a theistic view, while on our part, of course, we would wish to make a distinct Christian affirmation and declare our faith, not only in God but in God in Christ.

With warm regard,

Very faithfully yours,

RES-KC.

C O P Y :



Dear Dr. Speer:

You will be interested in knowing that every one of the scientists on the list has signed the statement sent you on the 16th, that Bishop Manning telegraphed "WARMLY APPROVE, WILL SIGN," as did Dr. Vance, Dr. Brown, Dr. Ainslee and Dr. King, that no one has as yet refused, though a number are unheard from, including yourself, Dr. Mott and Pres. Stevenson, while Pres. Knubel and Pres. Mullene wrote, making certain friendly inquiries and asking if certain minor changes might be made. I have just replied to them tonight.

I saw Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn today and he said that he felt certain that both you and Dr. Mott would sign, since he knew you both well. We both feel that your names will be more influential than any others on the list in quieting a storm which is doing untold damage to the churches. It seems to us a rare opportunity to do a very great service to the cause of organized religion. You will notice that the scientists all gladly recognize and avow to the world:

1. That there is no conflict between science and religion.
2. That religion is even more important to the world than science.
3. That they are not materialists but recognize God while religious leaders are asked to tell those who look to them for guidance only that
4. The method of science is not incompatible with the highest ideals of religion.

This is essentially the content of the statement.

I have been exceedingly gratified with the largeness of vision and the quickness of response of the scientists.

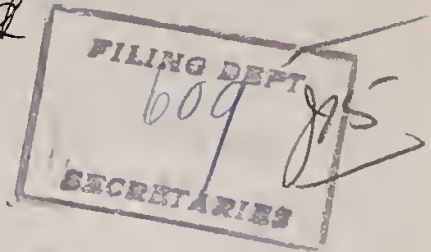
There is much pressure here to get out the statement soon. I must go west next Thursday evening. I hope I may hear from you and Dr. Mott before then, for your two names will exert a bigger and finer influence than any others on the list.

I am not writing to Dr. Mott but am asking if you cannot call him up and reply for you both by wire if possible.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) R. A. MILLIKAN.

S. McC. Cavert

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL  
OF THE  
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JUN 10 1933  
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY  
105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET  
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June 9, 1933

My dear Dr. Speer:

At the May meeting of the Executive Committee the Department of International Justice and Goodwill presented a recommendation for the publication of another number in the general series "Brief Discussions for Busy Men and Women", the title of this particular number being "Six Americans Discuss Manchukuo".

The Executive Committee authorized the publication of the pamphlet subject to approval of the manuscript in detail by the Advisory Committee.

I am therefore sending you a copy of the tentative galley proofs for your perusal.

Will you be good enough to advise me at your early convenience whether the individual approval of the members of the Advisory Committee is sufficient or whether it is necessary to call a meeting in order to take more formal action?

Sincerely yours,

Samuel McGee Cavert

General Secretary



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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Your letter of July 15th with enclosures from Mr. Nikitin came during my absence in North Carolina and has just been called to my attention.

Of the need of a theological school for the training of Russian religious leaders there can be no doubt. Mr. Goodsell of the American Board is undertaking theological instruction for Greek and Armenian Church priests in his school at Constantinople. I have great confidence in Dr. Goodsell but I can understand the hesitation of many of the Russian priests to take advantage of the instruction which he offers. I think that his work should be called to the attention of Mr. Nikitin and recommended.

There is still room, however, for other schools of theology, say at Prague or at Riga. If such a theological school were under the direction of Russian leaders there is, first, the possibility that it might become a center for political activity, or at least might obtain that reputation and thus find its work hindered.

There is, in the second place, the possibility that it might be exclusive in its religious teaching. Much would depend upon the personalities of those in charge.



In the third place, there is the possibility that it might assume an anti-Communist position and thus fail of its greatest usefulness which I believe involves freedom from economic propaganda of any sort. I do not happen to know Archpriest Shavelski nor Mr. Narginkowski. Even if these two men are thoroughly acceptable there is always the possibility of antagonism arising and bringing about changes in personnel. Should American funds be used for the establishment of a theological seminary, I believe that some measure of control should remain in American hands. Certainly, the sum of \$75,000 suggested by Mr. Nikitin is very modest and I cannot think of any better use for such a sum in the way of aiding Russian Christianity than to establish a school of religion for the training of priests.

There is no doubt that the present party in power in Russia is succeeding in arousing prejudice among Russian young people against Christianity and it will require the Christlike type of Christian leaders to win back the confidence of these young people. The subject appears to me to be extremely important and to be something that possibly the Federal Council of Churches might aid in.

I am returning herewith the enclosures.

Yours sincerely,

*George R. Montgomery*

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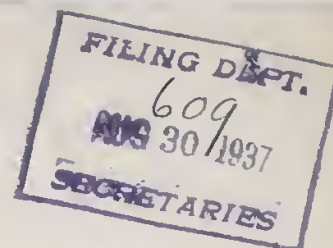
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Dear Dr. Speer:

Nobody could have handled the response to Dr. Macfarland's valedictory more beautifully than you did. You made a difficult occasion a source of real inspiration. You have put the Federal Council, and me personally, deeply in your debt again - as you have done on countless occasions in the past.

Please send me a memorandum of your total expenses in coming to Washington so that I can see that you receive a check from the Treasurer's Office.

Gratefully yours,  
Samuel McE. Coverd



October 21, 1931

Rev. F. Ernest Johnson, D.D.  
105 East 42nd Street  
New York City

*John W. Council*

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I am sorry that it is not possible to send you any full reply to your inquiry with regard to the policy of missionary and philanthropic organizations in the matter of the receipt of honoraria by their officials. I wrote a long letter on this subject some time ago in reply to a similar inquiry, but have not been able to locate it as yet in our filing department. If I can do so I shall be glad to send you a copy of it.

Meanwhile I can say briefly that our Board has never adopted any formal policy on the subject - the matter has been left to the conscience of officers of the Board. Our practice has been of course that all the time of the officers of the Board belongs to the cause with which their lives are identified and that they are not free to accept salaried or rewarded positions apart from their service with this cause.

The only case that I can remember of such continuous supplementary service in connection with our Board was the secretaryship of Dr. Ellinwood, who at the same time that he served as secretary of the Board at a salary of \$5,000 filled, with the hearty approval of the Board, a position of Professor of Comparative Religion in New York University. I do not know what his honorarium for this service was but I imagine \$1,000. or \$1,500. a year. This service was distinctly in line with the work of missionary apologetics in which Dr. Ellinwood was at that time the leader in this country, and I think the Board was only happy that he was able in this way to supplement his inadequate salary.

Several times in connection with the Board opportunities of this sort have arisen; once especially in the offer of a chaplaincy in one of our boys' schools that would have required a majority of my Sundays. This opportunity was not accepted and I think would have been regarded by the Board, as I regarded it, as inappropriate.

In the matter of occasional honoraria for separate addresses or courses of missionary lectures in seminaries or colleges, or royalties from books, the practice of our Board hitherto has always been to regard this as personal. In all such cases of course any attendant expenses would have to be personal also and could not be chargeable to the Board.



October 21, 1931

In the case of some officers of our Board such honoraria have been used to diminish travel expense accounts that would otherwise have to be met, or they have been applied to the support of missionaries or missionary work under the Board.

With regard to foreign missionaries at home on furlough, the same practice, I think, has been in general use and we have rather encouraged Churches and societies to provide modest honoraria to missionary speakers to take care of the added wear and tear on clothing, etc. involved in such campaigning.

When missionaries are on the foreign field their practice falls under the Manual rule as follows:

"The missionary under salary from the Board is expected to give his time and strength to the work of Foreign Missions, under the general direction of the Mission and in accordance with the provisions of the Manual. If, with the express sanction of the Mission and the Board, he shall temporarily undertake work not under the care of the Board, any sum of money paid for such work shall be turned into the treasury of the Mission and credited to the Board, except with the approval of the Mission and the explicit consent of the Board to the contrary. Where the regular work is a source of revenue, such as medical fees, tuition, etc., the amount shall be similarly credited. This provision is not intended to cover gifts for personal use or ~~or~~ occasional remuneration or honoraria, but is intended to apply to a missionary who takes outside remunerative work for a period and of a kind which affects the work assigned by the Mission or which the Mission could otherwise assign to him."

Perhaps I should refer to another case which I remember, namely, the service which my associate Dr. Stanley White rendered many years ago as stated supply of the Presbyterian Church in Englewood, at a time when he was secretary of the Board and that Church was without a pastor. This was only a temporary service, however, and it was believed that it would not interfere with his service to the Board but was helpful to it.

There is of course the associated problem which has never been clearly defined - that is as to how much of a secretary's time belongs to the Board: Does every day of the year and every hour of the day thus belong, or does he have certain time for rest and other occupation which it would be legitimate for him to use? Probably any definitive policy as to honoraria would have to carry with it a definitive statement with regard to this matter also.

As I told your secretary today I could not send you any adequate reply and shall be glad if you will regard this as tentative and personal and not in any way as final and official.

Very cordially yours,

RES:B

Dictated by Dr. Speer  
Signed in his absence.



Samuel M. Carter

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Yale Club

Vanderbilt Avenue and Forty-fourth Street  
New York

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Mr. Speer

*[Handwritten signature]*

Sept. 24/22  
Sunday eve.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Your address this afternoon at Synod Hall was a noble utterance. It set a distinctively Christian note for the gathering, and precluded its becoming something of which, in quieter hours, we would know our Lord could hardly approve.

I have been constantly grateful for your leadership, but never more so than today.

As ever,

Samuel M. Carter

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Dear Dr. Speer:

I took the liberty of using your name in wiring Dr. Fosdick about speaking at the mass meeting Sunday. I do not believe in using such liberties with your name without your consent, explicitly; but for this purpose I was sure I would have your approval, and I knew he would say "yes" to you more quickly than to anybody else. As he did!

Always cordially yours.

S. M. Cavert

*Robt W. Bliss*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1922

The Reverend

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

S i r:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 15th instant, signed by yourself, the Right Reverend Bishop Charles E. Brent and Charles S. McFarland, Esquire, regarding the Orthodox Patriarchate at Constantinople.

In reply I desire to advise you that the American delegation to the Lausanne Conference recently brought to the attention of the Conference the interest taken in this question in the United States. Further, in a statement the text of which is enclosed herewith, Ambassador Child, following out instructions from this Department, expressed to the Conference the profound interest of this country in the situation of the minorities in Turkey.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

*Robert W. Bliss*  
Third Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure:  
As stated above.

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Letter drafted Dec. 22, 1922.

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The Reverend

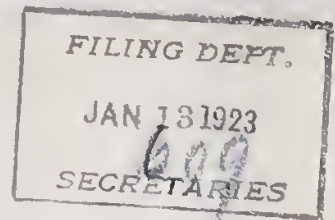
Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.



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The American representatives intend to hold aloof from affairs not our own but humanitarian interest is as much our right and our duty as it is the right and duty of every nation.

We claim no particular right to be heard upon the subjects of refugees, the protection of populations, and the finding of homes for those who are dislodged; instead of doing so we assert that other nations and particularly those represented at this table have an equal interest and an equal duty. Because it was upon her territory that the misfortune of war fell and from her territory that the great number of refugees come, Turkey may have an interest in these humanitarian questions greater than that of any of us.

It is unthinkable that the aspirations of Turkey for independence, for progress should not rely in part upon a generous policy of contribution to the safety and relief from suffering of mankind. The safety and relief from suffering of mankind is one of the principal concerns of governments.

The comfort and safety and settling of hundreds of thousands of human beings, most of them non-belligerents, many of the women and children, many dislodged for ever from their homes by the disturbances in the Near East, is a matter which has for the people of the United States a vital interest.

As an earnest of that interest, our nationals have spent

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freely in the quarter of the world with which this conference is dealing in medical attention, in the service of our naval forces, in feeding starving people and in other forms of relief large sums of money. We have put nearly \$75,000,000 into this work through one committee alone. The people of my country ask no return for this expenditure unless it be assurance that this Conference to the full extent of its power will find means to wipe away at once the causes for this waste of human life and human suffering.

It is useless for me to restate the problem. It is useless to give more statistics. The facts are recognized by everyone. They rebuke the world. They challenge the self-respect of civilization. They are so stupendous that pity for individuals is lost in pity for masses. The work to be done may include any wise exchange of nationals so that as one of the results, males may go back to their families and support them on their native soils. It includes the safety of other racial elements fleeing under the stress of fear and the finding of refuge for them as the wisdom and the conscience of the nations represented here may direct. It includes the finding of homes for homeless and an international generosity in furnishing temporary feeding and transportation and prevention of the sweeping fires of pestilence which

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might menace the world. It includes the requirement of guarantees of these nations which now find those homeless hordes upon their soils that they shall have protection. It includes the attempt to prevent further migrations and it is not of vast consequence to my mind whether migrations are started by order issued by authorities or by fear of violence.

I do not say that the allied powers have avoided responsibility for the fulfillment of these ends. On the contrary I point out the following few instances of such assurances which have been cited by those who seek the establishment of a refuge for Armenians.

The text of the treaty of Sevres: the statement of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain made in the House of Commons on March 11th, 1920; the statement of the prime minister in the House of Commons on the 29th of April 1920; the letter of M. Poincare President of the French Republic to the Armenian Archbishop of Cilicia February 16th 1919; the resolutions of the Supreme Allied Council March 8th 1921; the resolutions of the Allied Ministers of Foreign Affairs March 26th 1922; the resolutions of the League of Nations on September 22nd 1922. I do not say that the Turkish delegation and the nationals will fail to act in accordance with that tolerance and justice and concession

which



which the United States and the whole world expects and may righteously require.

But I urge on behalf of the people of the United States that this Conference will never leave Lausanne without providing some means for permanent joint labors to find refuge for unprotected herds and to create if possible safe territorial refuges for special populations if it be determined that they require resources of other nationalities, religions or races. Above all this Conference should secure by agreement and by measures of humanitarian administration strong guarantees that safety shall attend the continuance in their present situation of populations which now are vexed by fears. We believe that new precedents which tend to establish the right of nations to expel large bodies of their citizens to become burdens upon other nations must be carefully considered before countenance is given them lest a new and unwholesome principle find foothold to vex international law and justice.

The representatives of the United States believe that the ends to be sought are prevention rather than mere relief and guarantees of safety of minorities rather than mere succor to their misery, and permanence of joint action rather than mere spasmodic separate activity. In this purpose the people of my country though far removed by distance, have a profound interest, and will continue to stand ready with their contributions".



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Rev. John W. Lewis, D.D.,  
180 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lewis,

I ought not to say that you have written about our  
debate under your invitation to be in behalf of the General Council.  
In view of the approval of the Executive Committee, and our pre-  
ceding meetings of the Fellowship Committee and the Committee on International  
Personnel this is in fairness, and should not be written without  
further delay.

I have thought the matter over carefully and prayerfully; indeed  
it has nearly been out of my mind since you presented it. I am sorry, however,  
to have to say that my deliberate answer must be in the negative. I do not  
intend to go to the right or left of you, as you have first asked me  
to do so. I do not see that it would be right for me to leave the  
Executive Committee as you have asked. It is to this work that I intend  
to devote my life, and I want to give my life and my name of my  
body is just that it is mine. I have always been a member of the  
Council, and I am in every way to help forward the Christian Cause in all the  
forms, but I still think that my primary and special responsibility is in this  
field and that is it not from it I can still render my best service to the  
General Cause, especially to the cause of Justice and Liberty.

If there is any way in which I can help you in your work in  
your field, then I shall be glad to do so, and, to the extent of my  
power, I will.

I am sorry that I have to say that I cannot go to Saturday  
evening and assist at the meeting of the Fellowship on December 11.  
I intended at 11:30 o'clock on the evening of the Fellowship meeting of December 11.  
Will you kindly present my excuses for absence?

I have a long talk with Mr. Lewis and I think that it is worth  
telling of the conversation which took place. I think that my principal objection  
to his relationship to the General Council is that I earnestly believe that  
it will be understood his duty to work, but these things must be written  
to suggest the situation as not to be a mere statement, and will have no  
real result at the meeting of the Fellowship Committee.

I have also talked with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Lewis will consent to  
my withdrawal of my relationship to the Council, and I am not sure my ob-  
jections to his relationship, and his relationship to the Council, as Secretary  
Secretary to the General Council provision as the Fellowship Committee has

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able to arrange. This would seem to be to recognize Dr. ... ..  
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With ... ..

Very ... ..

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November 15th, 1940

Rev. John W. Langdale, D.D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Langdale,

I ought not to keep you and the Committee waiting longer for a definite answer to your invitation to me in behalf of the Federal Council. In view of the approaching meeting of the Executive Committee, and your preceding meetings of the Policy Committee and the Committee on Secretarial Personnel this coming Saturday, you should have a definite answer without further delay.

I have thought the matter over carefully in prayer today; indeed it has hardly been out of my mind since you presented it. I am sorry, however, to have to say that my deliberated answer must be the same as the judgment I expressed to you and the friends who came with you when we first talked the matter over. I cannot now see that it would be right for me to leave the distinctive foreign missionary service. It was to this work that it seemed to me more than forty years ago I ought to give my life and my sense of duty says is just what it has been. I have always been eager and anxious to do to all that I can in every way to help forward the Christian Cause in all its forms, but I still think that my primary and special responsibility is in this field and that in it and from it I can still render my best service to the general cause, and especially to the cause of Christian cooperation and unity.

If there is any way in which I can help you and the Committee in your difficult task I shall be glad, as you well know, to be of whatever service I can.

I am sorry that I have to be away from Thursday to Saturday evening and cannot attend the meeting of the Committee on Secretarial Personnel at 11:00 o'clock or the meeting of the Policy Committee at luncheon. Will you kindly present my excuses for absence?

I had a long talk with Dr. MacFarland a few days ago in which he told me of the expression which has come to him from many friends with regard to his relationship to the Federal Council and I earnestly expressed the hope, in which I understood him fully to agree, that these friends would be willing to accept the situation and not to raise difficulties which could have no helpful result at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

I have also talked with Mr. Glenn and Dr. North with regard to Dr. MacFarland's future relationship to the Council, and I do not see any objection to his resignation, upon his retirement on January 1st, and Secretary Merritt with as generous financial provision as the Finance Committee may be

Dr. John A. Langdale,

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able to arrange. This would seem to me to recognize Dr. Macfarland's very great services to the Federal Council, and at the same time to set him free in relationships that would not impede his freedom on the one hand and that would leave the new Secretarial staff of the Council wholly free for the work of the future.

With warm regard,

Very faithfully yours,

J.B.C.



Dr. <sup>Robert</sup> R. E. Speer

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Ans.

Dear Doctor Speer:

First of all, let me thank you for your beautiful letter of sympathy. It helped me much.

Your response to the invitation of the Nomination Committee was read to that body. To note your reception of that invitation, to observe your process of consideration, and perceive the motives of your decision have been for me - I assume for all - a spiritual elevation.

My mind was mixed on that issue - I did not see how you could be spared with safety in the chaotic condition of the missionary situation.

We have spent most of the day discussing Dr. MacFarland. He has wanted

to go out of office with the flags flying and  
the trumpets blowing - and with the Premier  
handy. There was much opposition from the  
middle-west to the Emeritus title. All  
feared any complication to his successor and  
the misuse he might make of the title. A  
large majority eventually voted Yes -

In view of the fact that the Administrative  
Committee at its April meeting, accepted the resignation  
of Dr. Charles S. Macfarland as General Secretary,  
effective December 31/1930, and is arranging for a  
retirement allowance beginning January 1, 1931 at  
which time it is understood that Dr. Macfarland  
will withdraw from all active duties and responsibilities  
in connection with the Federal Council, it is  
recommended that as a recognition of Dr. Macfarland's  
past service he be named secretary Emeritus.

We are dependy upon you to present  
this at your closing remark next Tuesday at  
Washington in the name of the Personnel Committee.  
I hope to see you Monday morning for a few  
minutes

Cordially  
John W. Lundberg  
November 30/30 Bhp McQuell will be at the Washington  
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Dear Dr. Speer:

I am enclosing herewith my painfully sketchy draft of your address of yesterday. If you could fill it in for us to use as your address, we should much appreciate it, and Dr. Macfarland is eager to have it as soon as possible. I am sorry that I did not get it all, but I have not used stenography much of any for several years and need more practice.

May I add that it meant much to me to listen to your poignant and impressive words.

Sincerely yours,

*Caroline W. Chase*  
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REV. SAMUEL M. C. CAVERT

105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET  
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Bronxville, N.Y.,  
November 10, 1930

Dear Dr. Speer:

Since our talk with you last Thursday I have been thinking a great deal about your possible leadership in the Federal Council, and the more I think of it the more deeply am I impressed by what you, and only you, could do. I am not writing to press the matter upon you, for I realize full well that you know all the factors in the case better than anyone else and that you are looking at it solely from the standpoint of your largest useful-



and more dynamic Christian unity. And looking at the question directly from the standpoint of foreign missions, I wonder whether that might not be the most crucial of all contributions that you could make at this juncture.

The second thing in my mind is that if you can see your way clear to come to the Council I shall be delighted to carry, to the best of my ability, the burden of promotional and organizational and financial routine, leaving you as free as possible for the far more important responsibilities of our contacts with the denominational leaders and the general public. I really think that out of my ten

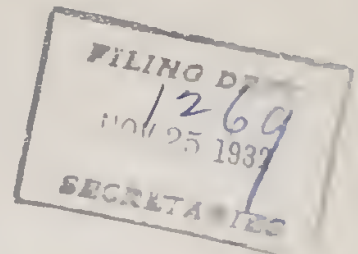
ness in the Cause to which you have dedicated your life. But there are two or three things, more or less personal, that I want especially to say.

The chief thing is that I should count it the greatest joy of my working life if you could see your way clear to take up the responsible leadership of the Council. I am convinced that the mere fact of your accepting the General Secretaryship would mean a great spontaneous outpouring of new confidence in the possibilities of the Council and would do more than any other conceivable thing to put us <sup>all</sup> clearly ahead on the way to some larger

years' day-by-day experience in the Council I would be in a position to spare you a vast amount of administrative detail, so that you would have freedom to give yourself to major questions of policy and interpretation.

The third thing that I want to say is that we really can wait till you are sixty-five; not only can wait, but shall rejoice to wait if that has a bearing on your acceptance, as I should suppose it would. Would you not feel free, at the optional retirement age, to consider a change which might well seem unthinkable before that time?

Always devotedly yours,  
Samuel McCrea Caver



November 22, 1932

President J. Ross Stevenson  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Ross:

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( After our meeting with the United Presbyterians in Pittsburgh I wrote to Dr. Burrell at Williamsport confidentially telling him what he had agreed upon there with the United Presbyterians and asking him whether he did not think that this ought to satisfy our own Church and whether he did not think also that it was as far as the United Presbyterians could be expected to go. I enclose herewith his reply. Will you please send it to Lew Hudge and ask Lew to return it to me. Do you and Lew think we should do anything more in the way of sounding the older conservative group of which Dr. Burrell speaks? Perhaps Lew has been able to do this or could do it in personal conversation in Philadelphia.

I was certainly frightened at what seemed to be the drift in the Board meeting yesterday and when it was over was very thankful to God that we had been saved from a course of action which I think would have been both unwise and disastrous, and were able to unite on what I hope may prove an acceptable and helpful statement.

I have turned over the full manuscript of the Stone Lectures to Revell. The book will contain three or four times as much material as I shall have time for in the lectures as delivered. It seems to me that it will be just as well to get out the book now as soon as possible. While not referring to the Appraisal Commission Report it represents of course the diametrically opposite view as to the intellectual and theological basis of the missionary enterprise.

What did you decide about the title? Revell wants the book called "The Finality of Jesus Christ." I should be glad to know whether you and others think that would be a better title or would prefer to keep my first suggestion - "One Only Name."

Ever affectionately yours,

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*J. Ross Stevenson*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 10th, 1932.

My dear Robert,

I am enclosing a transcript of the themes assigned for the five lectures in the L. P. Stone course. These will come on successive days. We shall begin to advertise them as soon as I hear from you as to whether we have them correctly stated and in the proper order.

It is a question whether it is desirable to have a full outline to be placed in the hands of the students. This is often distracting and the lecturer does not have as close attention as he does when there is nothing to divert the eye. However, we are willing to carry out your wishes in this matter.

I want to thank you most heartily, dear Robert, for your magnificent appraisal of the Laymen's Report. It was most convincing and I hope that the Board took action which, in line with your protestation, will set the Board right as to the methods and aims of Foreign Missions and the solid evangelical basis upon which the whole work must rest.

Affectionately yours,

*Ross*

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

P.S. Do you wish to have your full outline returned?

Rev Paul Strayer.

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December 9, 1920.

My dear Robert,-

The meeting in Boston was an epoch-making meeting. Many agreed with me that they never saw a group of men so deeply stirred by the reading of a lengthy printed report. It presented such a masterly review of the situation and outline of what needs to be done that it carried sheer conviction. Also, the men of the churches have perfect faith in you, and during these next four years you can get anything done which you want done. The Federal Council is in a position now, because of your leadership and because of the mind of the church, to do what it never could do before. May God guide you, my dear man.

Your treatment of the personnel of the organization was kindly, courteous and Christian, as you always are. Much depends on the changes introduced into the staff of the Federal Council, and I suppose you will welcome suggestions from any and all. Prof. Justin Nixon of the Rochester Theological Seminary, and Rev. Orlo J. Price, Secretary of our Rochester Federation of Churches, were with me on the train to Boston and we talked things over at length. Both are able men, and Nixon is destined to be one of the leaders of the liberal thought of the church, and I hope you may make use of him. We agreed that for General Secretary of the Council no one could be found who could quite equal Bishop McConnell. Dr. MacFarland has such familiarity with the technique of the Council that he would be an invaluable Associate General Secretary, but we have the feeling that a different leadership is needed to command the confidence and cooperation of the whole church. As I remember conversations with you this also is your feeling.

One other man who would very greatly strengthen the staff is George Coleman who if possible ought to be one of the heads of the Social Service Department. At any rate I would strongly recommend him for the "Committee of Forethought and Outlook" which your report so happily suggested.

I want you to realize the confidence that we all have that almost anything may happen through the Federal Council these next years.

With affectionate greetings, I am  
Heartily yours,

Paul

*David M. Sweets*

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Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.,  
156-5th Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I want to assure you of the great pleasure and satisfaction that your election as president of the Federal Council gave to me. I have attended every meeting of the Council and I consider the Boston meeting the most significant and hopeful of all the meetings. I am enclosing my editorial estimate of the Council and report of its proceedings. Of course, it was impossible to cover every phase of the meeting in the limited space at my disposal.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very fraternally yours,

*David M. Sweets.*

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December 23, 1920.

The Rev. Paul Moore Strayer, D.D.,  
4 Meigs Street,  
Rochester, New York.

My dear Paul,

I cannot thank you enough for your good letter with regard to the Boston meeting, and the work of the Federal Council. If you are going to be in New York in the near future will you not be sure to stop in. There are a number of matters I should like to have a chance to talk over with you. Many hours are going into conferences and consultations during these days in the effort to draw together the many different elements and to consult the right judgments and to build what we do build solidly. There are some who want nothing built and there are others who want something built than cannot help in the building, and others who do not like what is built, but will not furnish the labor to build otherwise. It's a great study in humanity, and it helps one trying to exercise human patience to worship with deeper reverence the infinite patience of God.

I trust you may have a Happy Christmas holiday, and with warm regard,

I am,

Ever affectionately yours,

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November 16th, 1920.

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,  
The Rev. Albert C. Lawson, D.D.,  
The Rev. Charles S. Macfarland, D.D.

Dear Friends,

I have heard that my name has been mentioned in connection with the Presidency of the Federal Council for the coming Quadrennial. I write at once to say that, greatly as I appreciate such a thought on the part of any of you, I can not accept this position, and to ask that no further consideration be given to my name in this connection.

If you think it wise that the next President of the Council should be from the Northern Presbyterian Church, I would suggest the name of Dr. J. Ross Stevenson as by all odds the best man. Dr. Stevenson is Dr. Roberts' successor as Chairman of the Committee on Union and Cooperation of our General Assembly. He is one of the most capable and trusted men in the Church, a man of great energy and administrative capacity. I think he would be a wise choice for many reasons affecting not the Presbyterian Church only but other churches as well.

If the new President should come from the Southern Presbyterian Church, then, the natural and wise course would be to transfer Dr. Vance from the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee to the Presidency of the Council.

As for me, I can render greater service to the Federal Council the next few years outside of its presidency than I could in it. As President my influence would be handicapped. Outside I shall have a much wider range of action and be able to render service that would be impossible in an official position.

Whatever you may think, however, with regard to this consideration or the suggestions of other names, my own position as expressed above is definite and clear.

With warm regard,

Very faithfully yours,

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Dear Dr. Speer

May I send you a  
message out of my heart,  
of great gratitude & to express  
my confident anticipation  
of the real success of the  
work with which I have  
struggled so defectively, now that  
it has your strength of mind  
& heart, with the assurance  
of my loyalty & my constant  
prayer for the year before

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Yours

Charles S. Macfarland

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Dr Robert E. Sperr  
New York

My dear Dr Sperr, I have read several accounts of the Federal Council meeting in Boston. I am deeply interested. When I was pastor at Springfield Mass., as Dr Sanford can tell you, - and since coming here I have been somewhat connected with the Movement. I was a member of the State Committee (N.Y.) I believe for a time. For a few years past my busy pastorate and a feeling that the Council was a little off from its real objectives I have not had much to do with it. However I have always felt it has a great future. I am now the young pastor in charge of our Church and here to serve. If there is any position in which I



In answer I am willing to be considered.  
Last year I worked for the I. N. M.  
with Rev. A. L. Mackey as my chief  
in City Surveys. I am sure he  
would be willing to tell you about  
my work. I am quite enthusiastic  
now about the proposals of the  
Council. It was my hope to be  
at the Boston meeting - but  
circumstances intervened. With  
kind regards

Yours very sincerely  
Alfred W. Breckin

H. A. Bridgman

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December 20, 1920

Dr. Robert L. Speer  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

Under another cover I am sending you a copy of last week's Congregationalist containing my editorial entitled "On the Right Track" relating to the Council, and also our report of the Boston meeting. I am sorry that inadvertently you were given a "Rev." in connection with your portrait.

I was sorry not to see you personally when you were in the city, but your time was fully occupied. I want you to know that many of us here are rejoicing that you are taking the presidency of the Council, and will support your hands in the work you are undertaking there. I sometimes think that about the hardest kind of statesmanship which any Christian can undertake to do is in connection with union movements, but I believe we have got to plow through details and machinery to the "one fair, half-divine event."

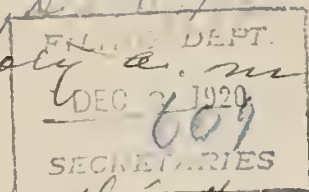
Please don't feel under any obligation to answer this letter.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

H. A. Bridgman

J. M. North



Dear Dr. Speer:

You may think that my dominating mood now is that of relief. This sense of surrender of immediate responsibility is new to me and is most grateful in view of the constantly increasing cares which are coming upon me in guiding our Board thro - a difficult period.

But I am most of all grateful for the realization of many of my hopes in the spirit and character of the present meeting and for your self-sacrificing consent in accepting the presidency at this time. Count on me for any service which I can possibly render.

I am obliged to be in New York on Monday morning - There are some peculiar financial conditions ~~which~~ which leave me no alternative. I am leaving at one o'cl. May God guide and bless you. With affection J. M. North

Mr. Spier



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My dear & beloved friend. I have pleased  
us all under a very great  
debt, and done a good work  
for the Kingdom by your masterly  
handling of the situation at  
Washington. To God be the praise.  
Yours affectionately, Parkes  
Cadman

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November 28, 1930  
(Dictated November 25)

Rev. E. B. Sanford, D.D.  
Rockfall, Conn.

My dear Dr. Sanford:

It was a great pleasure to receive this morning your very kind letter of yesterday with regard to the call that had come to me to the secretaryship of the Federal Council. I am very grateful for your cordial reenforcement of the call and if it were possible for me to accept it it would be a great joy to enter into such an inheritance of useful work as you and Dr. Macfarland have left and into such fellowship as any one would have with Mr. Caverly.

I am sorry to have to say, however, that I have had to write to the committee of which Dr. Langdale is Chairman saying that I could not see that I would be justified in leaving my distinctive responsibilities in connection with the foreign missionary work and with the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church. More than forty years ago it seemed to me that my life work lay in identification with the foreign missionary enterprise and I cannot see that I would be justified in turning aside from it now even for a work that would still include the foreign missionary interests within its scope.

I am inclined to think also that I can do more for the cause of Christian cooperation and union in which we so earnestly believe if I serve that cause in and from my present relationships.

I trust that you are well. I often think of you and of your history of Connecticut, of all the greater interest because we have now a little summer home in Litchfield County, Connecticut, to which some day we hope to retire. so

With kind regard,

Very cordially yours,

E. S. B

Dictated by Dr. Spear  
Signed in his absence

R. E. Spear

E. B. Sanford  
Rockfall, Conn.

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Ans. My Dear Dr. Spear:

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I have but recently learned

That the Committee have asked you to accept the Secretaryship made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Macfarland. That you may do so is my prayer and hope. You have long won the love and leadership in the Church forces of our land and they will rejoice at your acceptance. The work of the Council has become world wide in its influence, doors of opportunity are opening on every side, the need of the hour is wise and trusted leadership. What can I say more.

I am confident that the action taken in regard to the resignation of Dr. Macfarland will do all that is possible to recall the great service he has rendered.

Dr. Robert E. Spear,  
New York,

Faithfully Yours

E. B. Sanford.

FRANK MASON NORTH  
16 MADISON AVENUE  
MADISON, NEW JERSEY

November 13, 30.

My dear Dr. Spear:

Perhaps I may ask for a few moments of your time, at your office, in the late morning, tomorrow. I had intended to attempt an "appointment"; but distance and uncertain engagements have prevented.

Of course my desire is to place all the weight of my judgment and desire in the scales which tip toward the decision for the Secretaryship of the Federal Council. I have tried to see the matter from the standpoint of your own personal satisfaction and freedom of heart in the year of service which are before you.

Quite apart, however, from what the opportunity may possibly hold for you, I want to stress the unparalleled opportunity of rendering a service to the church and the world which no other man within my knowledge ever met so victoriously as can you. The fact that both church and world are in these days at crisis, does not create the opportunity, but raises it to the 7<sup>th</sup> power. Take it if you can! - and let some of us, while yours hold out - have the joy of serving with - you or under you.

I shall hope to see you tomorrow - but if not - let the light focus on this to show you how deeply I mean it.

Yours cordially,

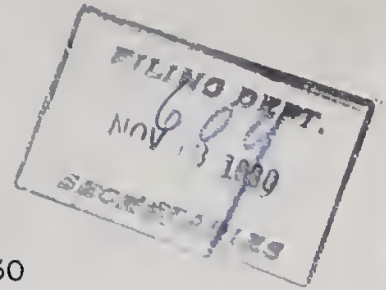
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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Presbyterian Board Foreign Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

On account of my classroom work I was unable to be present yesterday morning when the members of the special committee conferred with you in regard to the possibility of accepting the secretaryship of the Federal Council. I would merely like, therefore, to state in a letter what I would have liked to say to you personally.

Though we all recognize the tremendous responsibilities you carry in your own Board, we nevertheless hope that this more inclusive work will find some claim upon you when you consider the matter. There is no man in America who could do more to strengthen the moral and spiritual power and prestige of the Federal Council than you. I know you decide such matters not by the importunities of your friends, but by a search after God's will. Yet I hope you will not hold such importunities amiss.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Dr Spear

Well - I'm afraid I spilled a bit unnecessarily today - so just forget that part of it.

You can rest sure that my address to the Ex Com. will not amount any division; there will be no spilling there.

What we must think of is the future of the Council. I am since seeing you, less & less persuaded that you should rely very much on your denominational Committee too for my own feeling - just reread my other letter & underscore it.

Yours  
Charles S. Macfarland  
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My dear Mr Spear Re Federal Council

Dr Conant told me just before I left the office of today's interview with you.

With I say with some satisfaction that I picked you in my own mind for President of the Council at least six years before your final election & that no one appreciated more deeply than I the magnitude of your service for six years during the war & your presidency.

You can I trust well understand how gratifying it will be if you will now take up & help complete the work in which I have been privileged to have some part for so long.

The fact that I myself may be precluded from any more service, will make me all the more rejoice in the service

of others & I should love to  
see you & Conert together  
in it.

The principles of sharing  
it in my solicitude, sympathy  
& prayers I can always  
possess.

Sincerely,

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My dear Dr. Speer:

I am sorry that a call for an evening engagement at a distance prevents me from calling at four o'clock today.

I regret also from what Dr. Cavert reports, that my main purpose is frustrated by the fact that you have made an adverse decision on a matter near to my heart.

You will be further interested to know that I have communicated further with the disturbed groups of which I spoke and that no disturbance will take place.

Of course, whether or not the questions they raise may need to be met later is perhaps a question, but I shall continue my policy of complete silence, in the hope that they will not be aired.

I did leap at the idea of your return to service with us and I am pleased that you are to make some response to me at Washington. I had rather receive your kindly words than anyone's else I can think of.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles S. Macfarland*

(Rev.) Charles S. Macfarland  
General Secretary

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
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New York City

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